in its recent survey has expressed "Concern over illegal agencies mushrooming at airport" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd July, 2001;

(b) whether these agencies are reportedly handling ground activities at Domestic and IGI Airport with an access to Terminal Buildings;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of actual authorised agencies;

(d) whether stringent security measures so far have been taken against them by the Airports Authority of India; and

(e) the recommendations made by the Airport Security Committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) had expressed concern over the entrusting of the task of security by airlines to private agencies. This also extended to the field of self-handling by these airlines. This issue was examined and it was decided that till the new Ground Handling Regulations were notified, those agencies may be permitted to provide these services, which meet the conditions laid down by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Moreover, Hon'ble Delhi High Court has permitted the existing ground handling agencies to continue their operations at IGI Aiport. The new AAI (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations, 2000, have been notified. In accordance with these Regulations, an operator or carrier may either carry out ground handling service at an airport by itself or engage the services of (i) the Airports Authority of India, (ii) the two national carriers Air India and Indian Airlines and (iii) any other handling agency licensed by AAI. Apart from the above, M/s. Cambata Aviation (P) Limited are carrying out ground handling services at international airports. AAI have initiated the process of selecting private companies for providing ground handling services in a cost efficient and competitive manner, at international airports. Government has also decided to strictly enforce the provision that private security agencies should not be permitted for providing security services to airlines.

Installation of ILS at Jabalpur Airport

†2437. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the reasons for not yet issuing ok certificate to DVOR established at Jabalpur airport;

(b) how much time it will take; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to instal ILS category equipments at this airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The DVOR facility at Jabalpur Airport has been installed, flight calibrated and given for test operation on August 8, 2001 to the operators who will use it on test basis till a formal Instrument Approach to Land (IAL) procedure duly approved by Director General of Civil Aviation is promulgated.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Construction of Airport at Shirdi (Maharashtra)

2438. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister the CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for construction of airport at Shirdi (Maharashtra) is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the present status in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any request from Maharashtra Government to construct airport at Shirdi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) The State Government of Maharashtra has requested for technical feasibility study for construction of an airport at Shirdi in District Ahmednagar of Maharashtra. The site identified by State Government was found suitable for construction of airport designed for operation of 50 seater aircraft. The State Government was advised for land acquisition and also to obtain No objection certificate (NOC) from Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Environment and Forest. State Government has not intimated further progress on the subject.